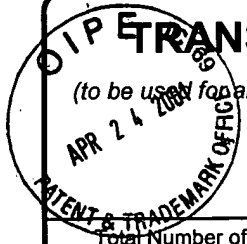
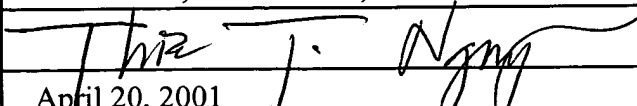


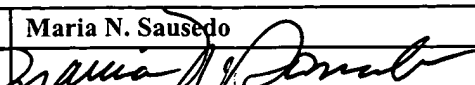
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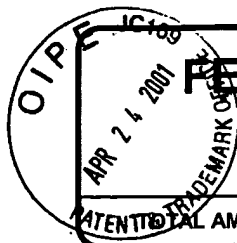


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| 149 | 710 | 249 | 355 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
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